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Columbian sailed July 16 for Honolulu, via San Francisco, Cal., and was inspected and fumigated; and the steamship *Nebraskan* sailed July 29 for San Diego, Cal., after inspection.

Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Increase of mosquitoes—Sanitary work continued—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jacobs reports, August 2:

Week ended August 1. Vessels inspected and fumigated, 3; vessels inspected only, 6. Total members of crews, 393; cabin passengers, 106; steerage passengers, 76.

Little rain has fallen in the past two weeks, giving mosquitoes a chance to breed, which is shown by increase of *Culex* and *Anopheles*. *Stegomyia calopus* are not plentiful.

The sanitary authorities are continuing their work of filling in low ground and ditching.

August 14. One more new case reported to-day.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Week ended July 28. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Thirteen passengers embarked here on steamship *Bluefields*—6 for Cape Gracias a Dios, Nicaragua, and 7 for New Orleans. Cape Gracias passengers received no Service certificate; were to be landed at the Cape in their own boat; ship to have no communication with the shore.

Bill of health issued to the following-named vessel:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
July 25	Bluefields	New Orleans, via Cape Gracias, Nicaragua.	23	13	0

Temperatures of all on board taken prior to sailing.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Smallpox and leprosy at Lima—Inspection of steerage passengers at Salaverry—Plague in Chilean ports.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, July 20:

Week ended July 18. Three steamships received bills of health: Aggregate personnel, 210 members of crews, 76 cabin and 48 steerage passengers. The 3 vessels were fumigated.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Pública:

Locality.	Cases July 7.	New.	Recovered.	Died.	Remaining July 13.
Lima (city).....	9	{ 11 2 }	3	6	13
Lima (country).....					
Callao.....	3	-----	2	-----	1
Trujillo (city).....	33	12	2	7	36
Trujillo (country).....					
Mollendo.....	2	-----	-----	-----	2
Chiclayo.....	1	-----	-----	-----	1
Chepen.....	-----	7	-----	-----	7

On July 13 there were 5 cases of smallpox isolated in the lazaretto at Lima.

This is the worst season for Lima and Callao with respect to plague. Every year this disease increases from June to August. This year the increase is less than in preceding years.

In Salaverry, since May 2, plague has been present. The sanitary conditions there are unchanged. I have notified the agents of the navigation companies not to accept steerage passengers without previous inspection on shore by the sanitary physician of the port. The Director de Salubridad Pública has ordered the port physician of Salaverry to perform this duty. The captains have strict orders to refuse every piece of steerage baggage not inspected or disinfected and not having the official label.

For a long time there was no report of leprosy in Lima or Callao, but the press has lately reported a patient suffering with leprosy who received treatment in the hospital. This patient came in a steamship from the northern part of Peru, and is at present isolated in the hospital of the incurables in Lima.

The bills of health from Chile report plague as follows: Antofagasta (July 12), 3 cases, no deaths; Iquique (July 14), 3 cases, 1 death; Arica (July 15), 1 case, no death.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, month of July, 1908.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, August 1, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

Month of July, 1908.

Vessels inspected.....	10
Vessels in quarantine.....	5
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	78
In transit.....	379
Crew inspected.....	538
Passengers in quarantine.....	30
Immigrants inspected.....	10
Rejections.....	0
Bills of health issued.....	25
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	15